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FOR MICHAEL H STYLES, US DELEGATION TO CIVAIR TALKS

FOLLOWING REPEAT LIMA 982 ACTION SECSTATE 30 JANUARY 76.

QUOTE

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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: EAIR PE
SUBJ: CIVAIR: BRANIFF FLIGHT REQUEST

REF: STATE 023748

1. IN RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION FROM LOCAL BRANIFF MANAGER,
AMBASSADOR LATE AFTERNOON JAN 30 CALLED GEN ARTEMIO
GARCIA VARGAS, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
TRANSPORT, TO URGE THAT GOP GRANT PROVISIONAL
PERMISSION FOR BRANIFF FLIGHT ALONG LINES REPORTED LIMA 885 AND LIMA
844.

AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT USG DISPOSED TO DISCUSS
FINAL SETTLEMENT (WITNESS RECENT STYLES LETTER AND PROPOSED NOTE
DELIVERED LAST WEEK TO DGAT COL. OLIVERA). GARCIA VARGAS
EXPLAINED THAT DENIAL BRANIFF REQUEST BASED ON DECISION OF
INTER-MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING, AND THAT HE DID NOT FEEL
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HE COULD OVER-RULE GROUP. HE DID OFFER TO MEET WITH

AMBASSADOR ON QUESTION, SAYING THAT MON. FEB. 2 AT 11 A.M. WAS EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

2. ISSUE IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY GARCIA VARGAS REFERENCE TO ALLEGED VIOLATION BY BRANIFF INVOLVING LIMA-MIAMI CONNECTING FLIGHT TRAFFIC VIA PANAMA, WHICH BRANIFF NOTES IS NORMAL AIRLINE PROCEDURES.

3. WE REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH BRANIFF REPS ON THIS ISSUE, AND PLAN MET MINISTER GARCIA VARGAS MONDAY MORNING. AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO PLACED CALL TO FON OFF SECRETARY GENERAL MARCHAND TO DISCUSS MATTER.

4. COMMENT: WE THINK IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT STYLES OR OTHER SENIOR

AV OFFICIAL PLAN VISIT PERU SOON TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING CIVAIR PROBLEMS WITH GOP.
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